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Our Mission: To collect, preserve and share the history of Callaway County with all generations

BOOK RELEASE AND PIE SUPPER – A WINNING COMBO

Pie Auction Results

Blackberry Pie by Rick Berry— \$400

Coconut Cream by Tim Borman—\$325

Brown Sugar Pie by Lori Croy—\$350

Chocolate Pie by Rachel Dodson—\$225

Peach Pie by Dawn Harrison—\$200

Blueberry Apple Pie—\$300
by Haley Horstman & Evalene Meyer

Apple Pie by Nancy Lewis—\$225

Pecan Pie by Maxine Rogers—\$200

Cherry Pie by Shirley Sweeten—\$300

Gooseberry Pie by Rita Weber—\$550

Our thanks to the following bidders:

Rachel Appleton, Sharon Backer, Renee Graham, Mary Harrison, Tom Mahaney, James Meyer, Victor Pasley, and Bennie Young. Auction total: \$3,075!

The official release of our newest book: **CALLAWAY CHALKBOARDS: Remembering Callaway County's Rural Schoolhouses**, was held on Sunday, November 5, 2023 from 2:00-4:00 at Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church, in Hatton. Bruce Hackmann, editor, signed books and visited with folks.

More than 175 people attended, enjoyed a slice of one of 35 homemade pies, viewed exhibits, and remembered bygone school days.

The old-time pie auction started at 3:00 and ten local celebrity bakers each presented a specialty pie (see box). The final pie was a gooseberry pie, a crowd favorite, bringing \$550! John Smart served as auctioneer and kept the crowd bidding high. The ten pies brought a grand total of \$3,075. Congratulations to our bakers and bidders! continued on page 3



Nancy Hinnah, event co-chair, cuts one of the many pies available for attendees.

KCHS PROUDLY PRESENTS: *Callaway Chalkboards*



Bruce Hackmann and Barb Huddleston with *Callaway Chalkboards*

Callaway Chalkboards: Remembering Callaway County's Rural Schoolhouses is a trip down memory lane to a time when more than 140 one-room schools handled the essential role of public education in Callaway County, Missouri. To the generations of students and families whose lives they touched, these schools are cloaked in nostalgia and have become symbols of the community values and more simplistic rural life that is so deeply embedded in our consciousness today.” (from book back cover)

The Kingdom of Callaway Historical Society is very proud of this new addition to the Callaway schools collection. Bruce Hackmann, editor, worked for months to bring together the extensive notes of historian Bill Hamilton, letters and emails from students and teachers, and his own in-depth research. It makes for a great gift – to yourself or to others. Bruce and Bill give the history while the students and teachers add the personal stories. It is 382 pages of great reading, with lots of photos to

help bring back the memories. Join Bruce at the Museum on either Saturday, November 25 or Saturday, Dec 2 to have him sign the book. **Books each: \$40 for members, \$45 for non-members. Drop by the Museum or Research Center to pick up a copy or call 573-642-0570 / museum@callawaymohistory.org.** (Both sites close December 22nd for holidays. Museum re-opens January 2, 2024, Research Center closed in January.)



Greetings from the President Susan Krumm



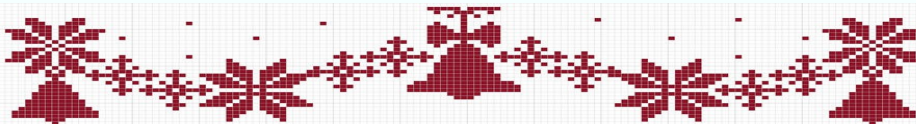
None of us have much positive to say about our experience during the COVID epidemic. My family and I can point to one good thing: the introduction of Zoom in our lives. My siblings and children are spread across the country, and Zoom provided us a way to be together on a regular basis when we were isolated. I still Zoom with my sisters and brother every Saturday and with my teenage granddaughter Maggie on Sundays. In both sessions this week, the *Callaway Chalkboards*:

Remembering Callaway County's Rural Schoolhouses book sparked great discussion. My siblings and I reminisced about our experiences at Grant School, the Callaway one-room school we all attended. Maggie wanted to know all about pie suppers and how 10 pies could bring over \$3,000! She also tried to imagine how a teacher could deal with eight grades in one room and was full of questions about my elementary education. I hope *Callaway Chalkboards* will inspire others of you to enjoy your own memories or to learn more about the way education used to be in rural Callaway.

As KCHS draws near the end of our 2023 program year, we are grateful for our staff, our volunteers, and so many of our members and community friends who participated in our special events and classes. We have seen an increase in visitors at both the museum and research center. You have all been a part of living out our mission: *to collect, preserve and share the history of Callaway County with all generations.*

We welcome you in the museum and research center during our regular hours in November and December. The research center will close for January, but the museum will keep its regular schedule in January.

At this special time of year, your KCHS Board and staff extends our best wishes to each of you for the holiday season!



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2023 Election Results for 2024 KCHS Leadership

KCHS elections for officers and board members is now done each October by a mail ballot. On September 29, 2023, 393 ballots were mailed to all members in good standing. A total of 192 ballots were received by the deadline of October 31, 2023, representing a 48.9 percent return. Minimum for a quorum is 10 percent. Election results are as follows:

Officers for 2024

President Susan Krumm
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Bruce Hackmann
Jayne Wills
Nancy Hinnah
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The Kingdom of Callaway Historical Society would like to thank the members, friends and businesses for their continued support of our mission to collect, preserve and share the history of Callaway County.

Pie Supper continued . . .

Proceeds of the pie auction are directed to the new KCHS grant program for Callaway teachers. Kelly Borman, coordinator of the Scavenger Hunt, did a Facebook LIVE drawing at the Pie Supper event to select the winners (see below).



Kelly and Peyten Helton draw the lucky winners of Scavenger Hunt event



A BIG thanks to the Pie Supper Committee: Nancy Hinnah and Jayne Wills, co-chairs, assisted by Kelly Borman, Leah Cave and Barb Huddleston. Also assisting were: Sharon Cave, Lori Franklin, Bryce Gordon, Bruce Hackmann, Janet Haffey, Mary Hagan, Peyten Helton, Don Hinnah, Joe Holt, Susan Krumm, Rodney Latty, Nancy Lewis, Diane Ludwig, Pam Pasley, Victor Pasley, Don Soph, John Smart, Kevin Wills, and Bennie & Meda Young.

Thanks also to Day Solutions-Callaway for a great job decorating the ten auction pie boxes and making special bookmarks; and to Pleasant Grove UMC, the perfect venue for our nostalgic event.



Jayne Wills (r), event co-chair, welcomes a pie for the auction.



Above: Pie-bakers; audience enjoys program; John Smart gets the bids; Lamar School display



Some of our pie bakers: Front: Shirley Sweeten, Rita Weber, Nancy Lewis; Back: Dawn Harrison, Rick Berry and Tim Borman

Scavenger Hunt Another Success!

October was a busy month for our KCHS Scavenger Hunters! They had to visit all ten rural schools selected for the “Rural School Scavenger Hunt” by Kelly Borman. Kelly worked with Bruce Hackmann to write up the information on each school, work with the owners for permissions and details, and post KCHS signs at each site. More than 40 people took the tour and we enjoyed hearing the comments you sent in.

Kathleen and Dan Tucker: “We had a lot of fun seeing the old schools. Dan knew where most of them were located which helped. The stories behind the schools were so interesting! We really had a wonderful time learning the school histories!”

Sara and Todd Mealy and friends: “It was the BEST time! Thanks for giving us such an entertaining and educational experience! See you at the pie auction!”

Doc Kritzer: “It was again a lot of fun and something I really enjoy. I always learn a lot and get to see new parts of the county. THANKS for doing this.”



Jim & Kim Keyes at Middle River



Kathleen Tucker at Muir School



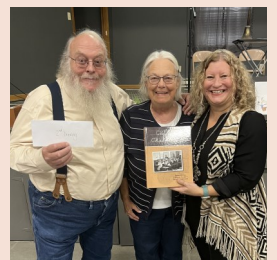
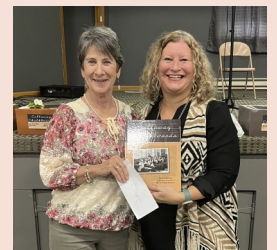
Sandy Claus at Middle River



Susan Krumm and Doc Kritzer at Millersburg



Michael & Judy Mendez at Portland



Prize Winners:
 Top: 1st Prize
Darlene Behlman
 Bottom: 2nd Prize
Alan and Jan Finke
 No photo: 3rd Prize
Nancy & Heather Erickson

Triple L Classes Fall Update

KCHS's TRIPLE L (Life-Long Learning) Fall classes were again a big hit. Overall, 64 slots were filled in four classes — one on dinosaurs, one on mules, one on outhouses, and the final one on Callaway folk artist, Jesse Howard, the Sign Painter.



Dr. David Schmidt, professor at Westminster College, shared the story of finding “Shady”, a triceratops dinosaur, in South Dakota and bringing it back to Fulton. He brought several samples as well as an informative power point highlighting the history and background of the dig.



Dr. Robert Barnett (veterinarian) and **Tony Michelle** (mule breeder) presented “*The Mule Industry in Callaway County.*” They showcased the history of mules in Callaway County, the current status and answered questions from the attendees.



Tom Jones presented ‘useful and useless’ information on The History, Hype and Humor of the Outhouse. He then asked attendees to share their own “outhouse stories.” It proved to be a hilarious time for all.



Pat O'Rourke (l) with Tanna Schmidli

Tanna Schmidli, granddaughter of Jesse Howard, Folk Artist, did an excellent presentation on both her grandparents and their unique artistic talents. Jesse is the known folk artist and she detailed his rise from local phenomenon to national treasure. Grandmother Maud was an artist in the world of music and wrote dozens of songs.

Pat O'Rourke, pictured at right with Tanna Schmidli, attended all four sessions and summed it up well by saying, “They were all FABULOUS!” Pat said she enjoyed each one and learned something new each time.

NEW MUSEUM SIGN

Those entering the Museum from the back parking lot have noticed a new KCHS sign. Many thanks to Rodney Latty for installing it this fall.



Give a Year of Callaway History via a KCHS Gift Membership

\$25 General

\$40 Pioneer

\$75 Heritage

\$100 Silver Level

\$250 Gold Level

\$500 Platinum Level

Call or email the Museum for details

Tour at Pioneer-Smith Cemetery Shares Mokane's Early History

Col. Thomas Smith, portrayed by Bryce Gordon, settled in the Missouri River bottom area around 1811. He quickly realized river trade was growing and developed Smith's Landing to help expand river transport. He would become a very wealthy man and supported many other businesses as well as building a new home in the budding town of St. Aubert, later to become Mokane, and providing for the town cemetery, which still carries his name.



Col. Tom Smith's story is shared with the crowd by KCHS staff member, Bryce Gordon.

Other early pioneers featured included: Capt. Patrick Ewing, portrayed by Bryan Rogers; William Nash Moore, portrayed by Alan Finke; Henry Holman's wife, Nancy Nash Holman, portrayed by Carolyn Branch, and the Ramsey Family story, shared by Tom Howard. The story of the Mokane was highlighted by Kelly Borman during the refreshments period in the Community Fellowship Church across the street from the cemetery.



Carolyn Branch portrays the third wife of Henry Holman and tells of the house he built, which is still being lived in.

The tour actually started inside the Mokane Christian Church. Erin Howard, a long-time member of the church, shared its history and her personal story with the church. In total, more than 41 people attended the event and enjoyed learning about the cemetery, the early pioneers, and the St. Aubert/Mokane area.



Alan Finke shared the life story of William Nash Moore, a man with a great memory, who wrote great histories of the area.



Bryan Rogers, Mokane native, portrayed Capt. Patrick Ewing, War of 1812 and Blackhawk War veteran, who lived to be 87.



Kelly Borman (l) and Erin Howard enjoy the beautiful stained glass window in the Christian Church.



Tom Howard, Mokane resident, shared the story of Col. Josiah Ramsey's family over three generations.

Our thanks to all the performers and volunteers who helped with the event. In addition to those listed above, we also thank: Jan Finke, Karen Fox, Nancy Hinnah, Nancy Lewis, Diane Burre Ludwig, and Marilyn Whitehead. We also thank the City of Mokane, the Christian Church, and the Community Fellowship Church. Cemetery Tour committee chair, Sheila Guthrie, added, "It was so good to be able to highlight the South Callaway area. I live nearby and know some of the history, but even I learned a lot pulling all this together. This is a great way to keep the mission of KCHS moving forward as we collect, preserve, and share the history of Callaway County in this unique way."

SAVE THE DATE!!

President's Day Trivia Night

Saturday, February 24, 2024

Tables available January 2, 2024 at the Museum
Details in January newsletter

Membership Goal Reached!

We are pleased to report that KCHS has now reached our goal of having 400 members before 2024!

THANK YOU and WELCOME to ALL our new members!

Early Transportation from Train Depot to Hotel Also Works for Brick District Holiday Open House

Some good ideas don't care how many times they happen. Back in 1912, J. Roy Tucker, owner of the local freight company in Fulton, bought the Jameson Transfer Line Company. While the main purpose was to haul freight, it also took passengers from the train depot to the local hotel.

KCHS has an actual metal token used in those days. It now also has a new token, created by the Brick District Association, and used during the Holiday Open House in downtown Fulton on Friday night, November 3, 2023, when passengers were able to take a horse-drawn ride from the Brick District Playhouse to the Fulton Depot, passing the original stables of the Tucker Transfer Company at 719 Nichols Street along the way.

In its day, the Tucker Transfer Company owned 22 horses and several different sized wagons used to deliver freight to and from the local train depot for local

merchants, the State Hospital, the two local colleges or the Missouri School for the Deaf, and local merchants. Mostly he hauled coal, oil and lime. He even owned a special wagon with wide wheels that needed six horses to pull large engines and parts to be used by the city's power plant.



Above: Horse and carriage from Tucker Transfer Company days; horses and wagon passing Brick District Playhouse during Holiday Open House.

The Tucker family arrived in Callaway County in the early 1800's and purchased the Tucker farm, now William Woods University, and a portion of 10th Street, adjacent to the Depot. The Tucker Transfer Company served the central Callaway area until the 1930's.



Above: Depot sign on transom window, and original Jameson transfer token from KCHS collection

Often, too, he had passengers who wanted to be transported between the train and the local hotel or businesses. In order to accomplish this, the passengers had to buy a small metal token and present it to the freight driver to get a ride. Printed on each token was either "Good from Hotel to Depot" or "Good from Depot to Hotel."

The tin to make the tokens was expensive and there never seemed to be as many tokens collected as had originally been distributed. Tucker continually had to buy more of the expensive tokens. He finally came up with a solution. He had his tokens printed with the same slogans but on bright red-orange cardboard with black printing. Problem solved.

Visit our FACEBOOK page (Kingdom of Callaway Historical Society) for fun-facts, updates, and more. Share posts with others and follow all our activities and events.

Consider helping to prepare articles for blogs, our website, and our newsletter. Contact Nancy Lewis at the Museum (see back page).





A Salute to Our 2023 KCHS Volunteers

At the Kingdom of Callaway Historical Society, volunteers make the difference. We salute and thank the following people for serving in a variety of capacities during 2023 to make KCHS successful.

Dr. Nicol Allen
Bev Auer
Mike Auer
Dr. Bob Barnett
Mary Bell
Alaina Borgmeyer
Grace Borgmeyer
Matthew Borgmeyer
Kelly Borman
Carolyn Branch
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Nancy Hinnah
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Debbie Holland
Joe Holt
Erin Howard
Tom Howard
Barb Huddleston
Tom Jones
Jill Koetting
Susan Krumm

Rodney Latty
Annie Leach
Nancy Lewis
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Victor Pasley
Buffey Prenger
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Cheryl Rohrbach
Charlotte Rosenstengel
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John Smart
Don Soph
Harley Stocke
Deby Thompson
Nadia Tindall
Francis Vaughn
Marilyn Whitehead
Kevin Wills
Jayne Wills
Meda Young
Bennie Young



Downtown Open House a Big Success!

Friday, November 3, was the Downtown Holiday Open House from 5-7 pm and KCHS welcomed more than 161 visitors! Thanks to all who stopped by!



Brick District Events

Nov 25th
Shop Small Saturday

Dec 2nd
Sneaky Snowman Hunt

Highlighted by
Annual Christmas Parade
in Downtown Fulton

Join the FUN !!

NOTE: Bruce Hackmann will be signing books at Museum both days

KCHS Gift Shop

Perfect Items for Holiday Gifts

Pick up your copies of the new book
Callaway Chalkboards: Remembering Callaway County's Rural Schoolhouses

or our two previous books,
Callaway Tapestries and
It Happened in Callaway

Member discounts on all books



NEW Children's item!
Slateboard, chalk and eraser set
\$8.00



Thank You Members—We Value and Appreciate Your Support

CALLAWEGIAN SOCIETY

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Mike and Bev Auer David & Sarah Backer
Sharlyn Cooper

Gold Level \$250

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Welcome New KCHS Members

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Hours: Tuesday-Friday 10am to 4 pm

First Saturday of month 10am to 2 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

2023

November 25 Saturday—Bruce Hackmann Book Signing Event
Time 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

December 2 Saturday—Bruce Hackmann Book Signing Event
Time 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

December 22 Friday 4:00—KCHS Museum and Research close
for Holidays; Museum reopens January 2, 2024.
Research Center closed in January.

2024

February 24 President's Day Trivia Night (11th annual)